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The Christmas Village in Amstelveen, in the province of North Holland. It's City Centre is the best for shopping in the Netherlands and Amstelveen is also the best Dutch City to live in. In 2018 the St. Urbanus Church burnt down. More on this horrific fire on pages 24 & 25.

Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

The following upcoming Neerlandia Functions and Events will be organised by Neerlandia at the Rhein Donau Club in Myaree.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months. For more accurate information, always refer to the larger advertisements inside this magazine or contact the appropriate person of the Sub-Club concerned as displayed on the second last page.

Calendar of Upcoming Neerlandia Events held at the RDC unless shown as External.

November 2019:

Friday 29 **Maas & Waal at the RDCL** 6pm

December 2019:

Sunday 1 **Sunday Klaverjas Drive** 11.am

Thursday 5 **Neerlandia Seniors' Club**
(Break-up party 5 Dec) 10am

Sunday 8 **End of year Concert (Dutch Singers)**
More details on page 17

Monday 2,9 **Hollandia Billiard Club**
(Break-up party 9 Dec) 9.30am

Wednesday 4,11 **Wednesday Card Club**
(Break-up party 11 Dec) 10am

Wednesday 11 **Wednesday Bingo**
(Break-up party 11 Dec) 11am

Thurs 5,12 **Thursday Night Card Club**
(Break-up party 12 Dec) 7pm

January 2020:

Wednesday 29 **Wednesday Card Club** 10am

Thursday 30 **Thursday Night Card Club** 7pm

Thursday 30 **Neerlandia Seniors' Club** 10am

Friday 31 **Maas & Waal at the RDC** 6pm

February 2020:

Sunday 2 **Sunday Klaverjas Drive** 11.am

Sunday 9 **André Rieu 70th Birthday Show** 1pm
(More details on page 10 & 11)

Mon 3,10,17.24 **Hollandia Billiard Club** 9.30am

Friday 21 **Maas & Waal at Morley** 6pm

Clubhouse details:

Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for all their activities.

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Dear Members,

First and foremost a big thank-you to all the Members, who attended our Christmas lunch. Did you know there were 131 Members present ?

It is getting very close to Christmas now, with only a few weeks to go. I am really looking forward to this long break and spend some valuable time with my family. It is my favourite time of the year.

The Neerlandia Junior's Club is looking for dedicated helpers, to assist with organising Junior Club events. Over the past few years we have had lots of fun with many diverse events, such as: "Ice Skating; Magic Shows; Movie afternoons; a Rottnest Island trip; Cooking Class; Pistol Shooting training; Disco dancing; the Electronics Club; Flea market and Community Games in the Park." Please make use of your enthusiasm & energy for the Neerlandia kids and pass on any new ideas by contacting Machiel van der Stelt via: mvdstelt@gmail.com

I do hope to see you all again next year, when we all start up again with a packed calendar.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

**Groeten,
Eric.**



TELETHON 2019 CAMPAIGN CAMPAIGN

What a climax it was to present the large Neerlandia cheque of \$5016.85 on Sunday the 27th of October at the Perth Convention Centre, where the Telethon Event was televised. We were interviewed on TV at 1.30pm and it was an amazing experience that I will remember for a long time.

Dutch Club Members should be proud to have contributed to this great cause; TELETHON in WA.

We have made a start with the 2020 Telethon Campaign at the Neerlandia Birthday Party on Saturday 26th of October at the Morley Windmills and I am happy to announce that we have collected a total of:

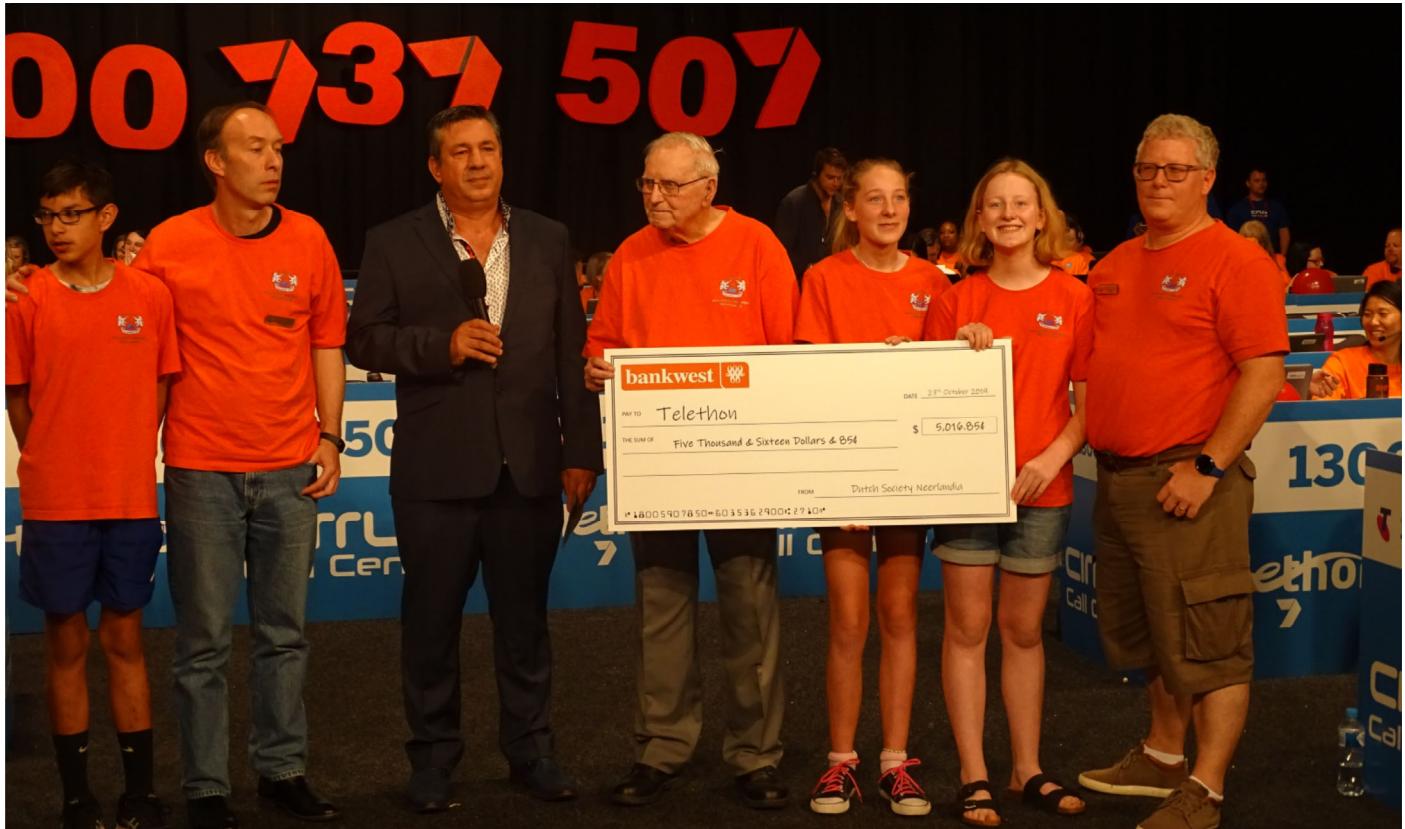
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Let us do it again for our sick kids in WA!!

Are you one of the lucky parents, who did not have to battle with sick children??

Henk Oorschot.





It was Graham Butler from Channel 7, who interviewed us prior to the presentation of the Neerlandia Telethon Cheque on Sunday 27 October at the Perth Convention Centre. It was the result of one years' bucket collection. We collected well over \$2,500. Your Neerlandia Dutch Club matched it, "DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR", making our cheque **\$5016.85**. All the Neerlandia Members should be proud to be part of this Telethon success story, which was an amazing event over the Telethon weekend. *(Our thanks go to Marvi of **Iprintplus**, the printers of our Magazine, for printing the cheque.)*

**NEERLANDIA
WELCOMES THE
FOLLOWING NEW
MEMBERS.**

**Hans Klouwens
Corrie Smit**

In Memoriam

Passed away the 10th of November

Ben Stoffels

A foundation Member of Neerlandia, a Member of the Bingo Group as well as the Neerlandia Senior' Club.

Sincere condolences to Wendy and all the family.



May He Rest in Peace.



Magazine".

But, due to a small mishap these forms were not inserted into that magazine. After some phone calls, our wonderful printing company has agreed the insert will be placed in this December issue of the Neerlandia Magazine.

This survey is important for us, as we like to know what genre of music you like and which connection you have with the Netherlands.

Understanding our listeners helps us to make the best possible programs for you. So please, complete the survey form and return it to us.

Our postal address is: 5 Elimatta Way, City Beach, WA 6015.

Alternatively, you can complete the survey via our website: www.dutchradioperth.com It saves you a stamp.

Of course, we will be very grateful when you become a Member of the DCR. That will help to keep us on air.

Karin.

Apology.

In our article for the November Magazine we wrote: "You will find a DCR Membership form with a survey on the other side in this

Editorial.

What a fantastic period it has been lately. First there was the 50th Birthday Party at the Windmills. What a "gezellige middag". The Hon. Dutch Consul of WA, Anthony Willinge, set the mood right at the beginning, by giving a light-hearted speech, congratulating Neerlandia on achieving this milestone. A Committee Member that deserves a big "Thank you" is Henk Oorschot for his tenacity to make the Telethon Campaign Donation a great success!

However, personally speaking, I would like to see a wider involvement of all our Members. This year, the Sub Clubs were presented with the Collection tin far too often. There must be other ways for funds to be raised, besides a very useful Collection tin.

The other question someone asked me when they heard about Neerlandia doubling the total: Do donations to charitable organisations fit in with "Objects" in the very beginning of our Constitution?

I believe it does not and thus it should only be done with approval of an AGM.

However, both those issues are for the Committee to look at, discuss and decide upon. All the Sub-Clubs will have their break-up parties well before Christmas this year and the Sub-Clubs will resume their activities from the 29th January onwards. (see details on page 2)

As the year is coming to an end, I would like to thank our Members and readers for their kind and positive feedback, often given verbally at Neerlandia events. Also a thank you to those, that submit their articles, without them I would not be able to produce this Magazine.

The proof-readers Henk and Lianna, who keep the typos and mistakes down to an acceptable number.

Also a thank you to Henk Bast. He was invited by Marion Gerritsen to attend one of our functions, brought his Camera along and he has not stopped shooting photos with it! Thank You!

**In conclusion I wish everyone a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy and Healthy New Year!!**

Pieter, Editor.
(Life Member).



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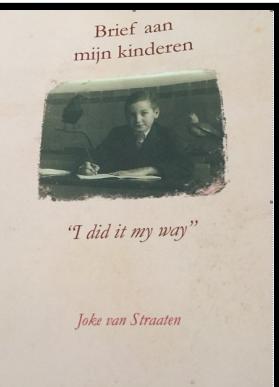
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Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

De eerstvolgende zondag klaverjas tournooien worden gehouden op 1 December en op 2 February 2020. December.

Zaal is open om 10 uur voor de Koffie.

Het Kaarten begint om 11 uur.

Kom Klaverjassen in de gezellige Karl's Bar van de RDC.

Prijzen voor de 3 winnaars.

Twee kopjes koffie met iets erbij en een goede Lunch zijn bij de toegangsprijs inbegrepen. Nieuwe Klaverjassers zijn van harte welkom.

Kosten:

Neerlandia Members \$12.00

Guests: (Maximum 3 times as a non-Member) \$15.00

Non-Playing Members \$10.00

Stuff Dutch People Like

“Stuff Dutch People Like” is a column written by an Expatriate living in the Netherlands.

This amusing column observes the Dutch in their everyday life. We hope that you enjoy reading “Stuff Dutch People Like” as much as we do. The blog is available via the internet.



Borrels.

Dutch people love a good **borrel**. Or should I rephrase; they love a good excuse for having a **borrel**.

Borrels are quintessentially **gezellig**; and **gezelligheid** is, of course, quintessentially Dutch.

Confused? Well there's more: "What exactly is an appropriate translation or definition for the Dutch word **borrel**?" It's much more than "drinks" and not as formal as a "function" or "reception". According to our good ol' friend Mr. Wikipedia, a **borrel** has 2 definitions:

1. An informal designation for a small glass of spirits.
2. An informal social gathering of a select (invited) group, often with a theme.

The second definition is a concise summary, but an exact English translation (or word in this case) is nowhere to be found. Which is why you will hear many an English-speaker living in the Netherlands using the Dutch word **borrel** intermittently in their English; there just isn't a better word to use in its place.

There are some important things to note; for instance, Dutch people consume **borrel hapjes** at **borrels**. **Borrel hapjes** consist of a limited selection of deep deep fried snacks.

Now of course, we all know that Dutch people love to slap a "tje" on to the end of words in a fond, lovingly sort of way. So a smallish **borrel** mixed with the right amount of **gezelligheid** will soon become a **borreltje**. In the same vain, a Dutch person can be seen to also consume **borrelnootjes** at this **borreltje**. **Borrelnootjes** aren't just any kind of nut; they are deep fried nuts, especially made for the occasion (yes, you read that correctly; deep-fried-nuts).

So to summarize. Soon, before Christmas, many a Dutch person will go to their work's **kerstborrel** and eat **borrelnootjes** and **borrelhapjes**, while sitting at a **borreltafel**. They may even engage in a little **borrelpraat** while sipping their **borrel** from a **borrelglas**.

It is safe to say that on any given evening, there are literally hundreds (perhaps thousands) of **borrels** happening across the country. Haven't been to an official **borrel** yet? Well, it's high time to crawl out from under that rock of yours. **Get borrel-ing!**

Cheese hapjes are popular.

Source: <https://stuffdutchpeoplelike.com>



Borrelhapjes.



Source: <https://stuffdutchpeoplelike.com>



Deep fried borrelnootjes.

50th Anniversary Party



Our Anniversary Party.

This event was held in the Morley Windmills Club on Saturday the 26th of October as the RDC was unavailable due to their Octoberfest.

The event was sponsored by Neerlandia and everyone present was given a free anniversary placemat and mug as well as a drink voucher for the bar. Finger Food was also made available throughout the afternoon by Neerlandia, served by Armanda.

Well over 130 Neerlandia Members turned up and what a good afternoon it turned out to be. The tables in the newly renovated hall were festively decorated with orange balloons. A lot of people met up with old friends or acquaintances, who they had not seen or spoken

to for many years.

Eric our President, welcomed everyone to this superb event and invited the Hon. Dutch Consul Anthony Willinge to say a few words. Anthony proposed a toast on our Anniversary and also announced some



very welcome news that Dutch passport holders will soon be able to renew their passports in Perth, saving a family of 4, thousands of Dollars.

The National Archives had a popular and interesting display. Staff of the National Archives explained what they could do for those interested in their background history. Meanwhile the bar was kept very busy by providing a steady flow of drinks.

A great afternoon, Neerlandia! Thank you!
Pieter Leeflang. Life Member.



(Photo's by Henk Bats and Piet Leeflang.



The barman was flat out!



50th Anniversary Party



A Members' Survey was held and done on laptops by some of our younger generation. Fantastic!



Our Members enjoyed a good time and our Hon. Consul made himself freely available for questions. Great!



The Archive corner was a popular exhibit. Members completed request forms with data to be sent out. Brilliant!



André Rieu 70th Birthday & Request for help

André Rieu, 70 years young! !



André Rieu is celebrating a landmark Birthday and is inviting Event Cinema audiences to his Birthday Party!

“70 YEARS YOUNG” is curated by the Maestro himself. André has personally selected concert highlights from his wonderful career to create the ultimate André Rieu experience for his fans to enjoy.

This unique anniversary celebration will take you on an unbelievable journey around the world, with some of André’s most memorable and beloved concert performances, including Schonbrunn Vienna, Radio City Music Hall, New York and the Coronation Concert in Amsterdam in their full glory on the V-Max cinema screen.

As part of the celebration, André Rieu reminisces with host Charlotte Hawkins about his life, love and music, while taking his cinema audience on an exclusive tour of his home in Maastricht. Don’t miss out on this amazing show on Sunday 9th of February 2020. It promises to be a great performance.

See details on page 15 and get your special André Rieu tickets now!!!

Henk Oorschot.
Event Co-ordinator. (L.M.)

IMPORTANT REQUEST

The Neerlandia Juniors’ Club is desperately looking for dedicated helpers to assist me with organising Junior Club events.

Over the past few years we had many fun and diverse events, such as Ice Skating; Magic Shows; Movie afternoons; a Rottnest Island trip; Cooking Classes; Pistol Shooting Training; Discos; the Electronics Club; Flea market and outside games in the Park.

Please let your enthusiasm, energy and new ideas be heard and used for the Neerlandia Kids by contacting Machiel van der Stelt via:

mvdstelt@gmail.com

Kind regards and thanks,
Machiel van der Stelt



Upcoming Event - Andre Rieu



This unique anniversary celebration will take you on an unbelievable journey around the world, with some of Andre's most memorable and beloved concert performances includes Vienna, New York, Amsterdam.

THE ANDRE RIEU'S 70TH BIRTHDAY CONCERT.
For you to enjoy on the large **VMAX 16** screen at the
EVENT CINEMAS,
57 Liege Street Innaloo

at 1.00pm on Sunday 9th February 2020.

We have reserved, "ON BLOCK", 98 seats for you.
Reduced price for our Dutch Club Members **\$ 20.-**
Non-Members **\$ 40.-**

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The Neerlandia Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch at the RDC.

On Sunday 17 November Neerlandia held its Christmas Lunch, which was attended by around 130 Members and some guests.

The meal supplied by Armanda and her staff was once again superb and if there were any complaints, it would have been that they could not eat it all. The atmosphere right throughout the afternoon was not only "Gezellig", but there was almost a carnival atmosphere with lots of laughter and happy, smiling faces all around.

Our senior Members may no longer require a dance floor to have a ball, but they haven't forgotten how to have fun.

Hats off to Neerlandia for once again producing a winner. Of course, the reduced fees did boost the attendance, and for that we can thank the Neerlandia Sponsorship scheme. A great, most enjoyable afternoon.

Pieter Leeflang,
Life Member.



Henk Bast took all these nice pictures.



The Neerlandia Christmas Lunch



Stichting Nederlanders buiten Nederland

Stichting Nederlanders Buiten Nederland. Stichting Nederlanders buiten Nederland (SNBN) is opgericht in 2019 en heeft als doel de belangen van de Nederlanders buiten Nederland zo goed en effectief mogelijk te behartigen.

We bestaan als bestuur volledig uit vrijwilligers. Wij wonen verspreid over de hele wereld en lopen op de één of andere manier in het buitenland tegen (Nederlandse) obstakels aan. Dit is bijvoorbeeld op het terrein van **nationaliteit, pensioen, Nederlands onderwijs, paspoorten** en deelname aan **verkiezingen**. Wij willen samenwerken om daar verbetering in te brengen.

We zien goed contact met de **politiek** als de beste manier om de belangen van

Nederlanders in het buitenland te behartigen. Voor de politiek zijn we een vraagbaak en aanspreekpunt, voor Nederlanders buiten Nederland zijn we de brug tot **inspraak** in politiek **Den Haag**.

We zetten ons o.a. in voor:

- Dubbele nationaliteit.
- Pensioenkwesties.
- Nederlands onderwijs in het buitenland voor kinderen.
- DigiD aanvragen vanuit het buitenland.
- Stemmen vanuit het buitenland.
- Onvrijwillige ex-Nederlanders.
- Barrières voor Nederlandse studenten in het buitenland.
- Inkrimping en sluiting van Nederlandse Consulaten en Ambassades.
- Nederlandse partners in het buitenland.

Wil jij onze nieuws brief ontvangen?

Neem dan contact op via www.nederlandersbuitennederland.nl

Elly Spillekom,

WA vertegenwoordiger voor WA Australia.

Afgelopen Augustus heb ik tijdens de Neerlandia Maas & Waal Borrel, de nieuwe Nederlandse Ambassadeur (Marion Derckx) en Dutch consul voor WA (Anthony Willinge) en Arnold & Joske Stoobach van de (ADBC) geïnformeerd over waar de SNBN voor staat.



Sunday Drive results.

With no Sunday Drive in October, our Members must have missed this regular event, as more than 20 showed up in the November Drive, which was held on the first Sunday of the month.

With more than 20 people attending, we had 5 complete playing tables of 4 players. After Coffee and a "Gevulde Koek", the competition started in earnest.

The games were interrupted by a sumptuous lunch, as customary, prepared by Armanda herself.

Of course, we do assist her and phone through the number of Lunches required as soon as they are known at the beginning. This will help Armanda by buying in only the required amount of ingredients.

When the scorecards came in and the results checked, it became clear that some very good scores were made by the 3 placegetters, with less than 100 points between 2nd and third. Well done!!

The final results were:

1st prize: Jan Lagerwey 7573 points

2nd prize: Piet Leeflang 7013 points

3rd prize: Shirley van Kwawegen 6945 points

The very last Sunday Drive of the year will be held on Sunday 2 December and we hope to get a maximum number of players.



The winners in November, (l.t.r.) Jan Lagerwey, 1st Prize; Shirley van Kwawegen, 3rd Prize and Piet Leeflang, 2nd Prize.

In conclusion we wish all our players a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Important Announcement.

On Thursday 12 December the Thursday Card Club's break-up party will be held.

We will play only 2 game or stop at 9pm, whichever occurs first.

Then the tables will be put together, the bar will be opened for a complimentary Drink and there will be nibbles put on the tables.

Next the competition results will be announced.

Before you leave you will all get a worthwhile Christmas Hamper to enjoy with your loved ones.

Play will resume Thursday 30 January 2020.

**Piet L.
(Life Member)**



The Neerlandia Seniors' Club

Welcome to the Neerlandia Seniors' Club page.

It has been a long time that we had a biscuit (speculaas) with our coffee, as every week we have enjoyed cakes and other goodies from those Members that had their birthdays. On Thursday 24 October it was Nelly Maarssen and Will Hijmans and on Thursday 7 November Ans van der Stroom and Vicky Spaans provided us with cakes with the coffee.

When you read this, we will have had our Christmas Lunch on Sunday 17th November where 49 of our Seniors Club Members were present. Unfortunately, some could not make it. It is great to hear that Brigitta Weel has recovered from her stroke and hope to be back next year; and on 7th November, we welcomed new Member, Diana van der Meer.

Our dear friend, Ben Stoffels, passed away on Sunday 10th November. On Thursday the 21st of November we had an one minute silence to remember him.

Rest in Peace Ben.

50 Members on Thursday 24th October. 47 Members on Thursday 7th November.



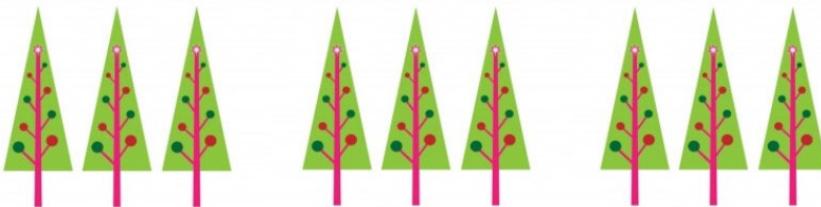
Upcoming Event in December

DUTCH SINGERS End of Year Concert 2019

Sunday, 8th December from
1.00pm – 3.30pm.

Venue: The Rhein-Donau
Club Inc,
110 North Lake Road, Myaree.

Tickets: Members \$10, Non-Members \$15
Restaurant and bar will be open before the concert
and during the interval.



*As part of the Neerlandia Sponsorship Program,
Neerlandia will be providing a light lunch and some finger
foods for free, during the intermission.*

For tickets please contact:

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Doors open at 12 noon.

Bingo at The Rhein-Donau Club Inc in the “Edelweiss Hall”



NEERLANDIA BINGO ON WEDNESDAYS.

Day games only:
11th of December, and on the:
5th and 19th of February 2020



Lunch, a bowl of soup with bun, is \$7.50, at cost. Coffee/tea/biscuits free, self help.



Bingo on Wednesday 16th of October. With 26 players we had a lot of fun playing **Bingo**.



Bingo on Wednesday 30th of October. 27 players had a lot of fun at their Bingo tables!!!



Bingo on Wednesday 13th November. 29 players shared a lot of the Bingo winnings. !!!

The Dutch Singers went out for Lunch & The Bingo Bulletin



The Dutch Singers went on a bus trip to the Quindanning Inn.

On behalf of the members of the choir I would like to thank Neerlandia for the fantastic outing that the Dutch Singers had on Monday 28 of October. The generosity of the Neerlandia Sponsorship arrangements made this possible. We had great weather and after we were picked up at the RDC, we drove towards the hills, where we had morning tea at the North Dandalup Dam. The surrounding area was absolutely beautiful.

After our refreshments we headed towards Dwellingup, while listening to the excellent commentary by Chris Hadley, our friendly bus driver, on the history of the area. Then we had a very nice roast lunch at the "Olde Quindanning Inn" and then drove back via Boddington and Armadale. It was a very enjoyable day. Once again thank you very much!
Alida Reitzenstein.



Gerry Creemers visited from Queensland.

BINGO BULLETIN. *From you friendly Bingo Organiser.*

When you read this, we are about to have our last game of the year on Wednesday the 11th of December. THE NEERLANDIA BINGO CLUB IS THAN 5 YEARS OLD. HIP..HIP.. HOORAY, we are here to stay ! Party time on Wednesday the 11th.

Over the last 3 playing days, Helen Daws and Wilhelmina Keisler, Jenny Norder and Henk Uyen, Ria Nissen and John Norder played for free, equal to \$10.- each.

The \$25 extra loaded games worth \$40.- or more, were won by Nelly v/d Heiden shared with Henk Uyen, by Frans Schutte and by Nelly Noorman/shared with Diana Van der Meer. **You can only win if you are here ! ! !**

The Favourites chocolates were won by Ria Nissen and Henk Uyen, while the Neerlandia promoted boxes of Ferrero chocolates were won by **Ann Heistek, Greta van Sant and Gerry James. Lucky girls, just watch your waistline!**

And now the Jackpot, it has been steadily climbing and on the last playing day it reached a new level of \$75.- and it did **not** go off, so anything can happen on the next time we play Bingo. Exciting enough for you???

We are pleased to introduce a new Bingo Player, **Ineke Balde**, who has been a Neerlandia Member since January 2014.

Now the sad part. Our dear friend Ben Stoffels passed away on Sunday 10th of November. He has been playing Bingo for nearly 5 years and he really enjoyed it greatly. He will be sadly missed. We had a minute's silence to remember him.

Rest in Peace Ben.

Henk Oorschot and Louis James

For information call Henk 9256 1977

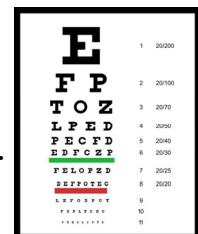
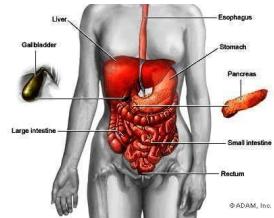
The Human Body

The Human Body, interesting facts. (continued)

(The following interesting information was copied from the internet. We cannot vouch for the correctness of the information, but it makes interesting reading.
Editor)

The Human Body is a treasure trove of mysteries, one that still confounds doctors and scientists about the details of its working. It's not an overstatement to say that every part of your body is a miracle. Here are fifty facts about your body, some of which will leave you stunned.

- # Your teeth start growing 6 months before you are born. This is why one out of every 2,000 newborn infants has a tooth when they are born.
- # A baby's head is one-quarter of its total length, but by the age of 25 will only be one-eighth of its total length. This is because people's heads grow at a much slower rate than the rest of their bodies.
- # Babies are born with 300 bones, but by adulthood the number is reduced to 206. Some of the bones, like skull bones, get fused into each other, bringing down the total number.
- # It's not possible to tickle yourself. This is because when you attempt to tickle yourself you are totally aware of the exact time and manner in which the tickling will occur, unlike when someone else tickles you.
- # Less than one third of the human race has 20-20 vision. This means that two out of three people cannot see perfectly.
- # Your nose can remember 50,000 different scents. But if you are a woman, you can smell better than men, and will remain better throughout your life.
- # The human body is estimated to have 60,000 miles of blood vessels.
- # The three things pregnant women dream most of during their first trimester are frogs, worms and potted plants. Scientists have no idea why this is so, but attribute it to the growing imbalance of hormones in the body during pregnancy.
- # The life span of a human hair is 3 to 7 years on average. Every day the average person loses 60-100 strands of hair. But don't worry, you must lose over 50% of your scalp hairs before it is apparent to anyone.
- # The human brain cell can hold 5 times as much information as an encyclopedia. Your brain uses 20% of the oxygen that enters your bloodstream and is itself made up of 80% water. Though it interprets pain signals from the rest of the body, the brain itself cannot feel pain.
- # The tooth is the only part of the human body that can't repair itself.
- # Your eyes are always the same size from birth, but your nose and ears never stop growing.
- # We are about 1 cm taller in the morning than in the evening, because during normal activities during the day, the cartilage in our knees and other areas slowly compress.
- # Nerve impulses to and from the brain travel as fast as 170 miles per hour. Neurons continue to grow throughout human life. Information travels at different speeds within different types of neurons.
- # It is a fact that people who dream more often and more vividly, on an average do have a higher Intelligence Quotient.
- # The fastest growing nail is on the middle finger.



The Juniors' Club

Pistol Shooting Training.

On the 10th of November, the Juniors Club Members came together to shoot air pistols and laser pistols. The older kids (12 and over) shot the air pistols, with the younger kids (under 12) shooting the laser ones. We all got to the Rhein Donau club nervous and excited.

The first thing we did, once we got there, was a safety induction. The instructors briefed us on how to safely use the air and laser pistols. Once we knew how to be safe and aim, we all lined up behind the bench and picked up the pistols.

We practiced cocking the guns, and fired a few dry shots. Then it was time. We loaded the metal pellets into the guns and cocked them. We fired the pistols onto the targets, most of us missed the targets the first time. But after a bit of practice, we started to hit them.

Then it was announced that there would be competition, parent versus kids.

If the parents won, kids were doing the dishes. If the kids won, there was no reward.

We began and the competition was fierce. The kids came out victorious, 13-6. We ended the afternoon with drinks, and a game of chasey.

A big thank you to the Members of the air pistol Club for making the afternoon possible. In summary, it was a great afternoon, and I hope it will happen again.

Until next time,

Junior Reporter Nikita.



May a little bit of Humour light up your Day

The snotty Receptionist.

An older gentleman had an appointment to see the urologist, who shared offices with several other doctors. The waiting room was filled with patients. As he approached the receptionist's desk, he noticed that the receptionist was a large unfriendly woman, who looked like a Sumo wrestler.

He gave her his name.

In a very loud voice, the receptionist said: "Yes, I have your name here; you want to see the Doctor about Impotence, right?"

All the patients in the waiting room snapped their heads around to look at the very embarrassed man.

He recovered quickly and in an equally loud voice replied: "No I have come here to enquire about a sex change, but I do not want the same doctor that did yours!!"

The whole room erupted in applause.



Love in a retirement home.

Two elderly people lived in the same retirement home. He was a widower and she a widow. They had known one another for a number of years. One evening there was a community supper in the big activity centre. The two were at the same table, across from one another. As the meal went on, he made a few admiring glances at her and finally gathered up his courage to ask her: "Will you marry me?"

After a dramatic pause and a few seconds of careful consideration, she answered: "Yes, yes, I will."



The meal ended and, after a few more pleasant exchanges, they went to their respective rooms.

Next morning, he was deeply troubled as he wondered: "Did she say 'yes' or did she say 'no'?"

He couldn't remember. Not even a faint memory. With trepidation, he went to the telephone and called her.

First, he explained to her that he didn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the lovely evening past. As he gained a little more courage, he then meekly asked her: "When I asked you if you would marry me, did you say: 'Yes' or did you say: 'No'?"

He was delighted to hear her say: "Well, I said: 'Yes, yes I will' and I meant it with all my heart."

Then she continued: "And I am so glad that you called, **because I couldn't remember, who had asked me.**"

The Sunday school teacher asked questions.

Chloe wasn't the best pupil at her Sunday school.

She would often fall asleep and never got any of the answers right. One Sunday, she fell asleep and was called upon by the teacher to answer a question.

"Who is the creator of the universe?" the teacher asked.

Little Keith was sitting next to Chloe and stabbed her with a pencil to wake her up. Chloe jumped and yelled: "God almighty!" The teacher congratulated her.

A little later in the class the teacher asked Chloe another question.

"Can you please tell me who our lord and saviour is?" she asked.

Keith stabbed Chloe again and she screamed: "Jesus Christ!"



Impressed, the teacher congratulated her once again.

Later in the class Chloe was asked a third question.

"What did Eve say to Adam after she gave birth to their 26th child?"

Keith stabbed Chloe once again with the pencil and she exploded: "If you stick that thing into me once again, I'm going to snap it in half!"



Members Birthdays

The following Members will celebrate their birthday during the month of December 2019. We wish them all a very Happy Birthday!!!

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Thea	Gorter
Mieke	van de Velde

The following Members will celebrate their birthday during the month of January 2020. We wish them all a very Happy Birthday!!!

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Amstelveen, best Dutch City to live in



The Flag and Coat of Arms of Amstelveen.



Amstelveen is a Municipality in the Province of North Holland, The Netherlands, with a population of 89,918. (2017).

Nowadays it has become a Suburb of the Metropolitan area of Amsterdam.

The Municipality of Amstelveen consists of the historical Villages of Bovenkerk and Nes aan de Amstel.

The name Amstelveen comes from the Amstel (as does the name Amsterdam), a local river, and Veen, meaning fen, peat, or moor.

The symbol Flag and Coat of Arms for Amstelveen was not based on the Amsterdam symbol of three crosses, with one additional cross for distinction, but rather Amsterdam has one cross less to indicate Amstelveen's and Ouder-Amstel's seniority.

History:

During the French occupation between 1810 and 1814, Amstelveen was the Capital of a Canton in the French department Zuyderzee, and until 1964 the Municipality of Amstelveen was called Nieuwer-Amstel. It is technically a large Village, because it was never walled.

As a result of the vicinity of Schiphol (Amsterdam Airport), and its links to Amsterdam, Amstelveen has grown and become a cosmopolitan mix of many cultures living there.

In the early 20th century Amstelveen was a small rural Village. The turf industry had collapsed, so the revenue stream of it was gone. The Village was somewhat isolated, because no major rail and waterways were connected.

The main source of income was livestock farming, but the horticulture and floriculture were already emerging.



The Village Amstelveen early in the 20th century.



Schiphol:

In 1852, the Haarlemmermeer polder was reclaimed and the "Fort at the Schiphol" was created as a defence for the Capital Amsterdam. Fort Schiphol, became a military airport in 1916. Four years later Schiphol became a civilian airport. Schiphol Fort was demolished in 1934. The demolition was necessary for the construction of the provincial road (Mayor Of Sonweg) from Amstelveen to Schiphol, with a swing bridge over the circular canal of the Haarlemmermeer.



Runway above freeway.



Air Show.



The Hilton airport hotel.

Amstelveen, best Dutch City to live in



Cherry Blossom (Hanami) Festival in Amstelveen.

The development of Schiphol Airport attracted many people, many of whom settled in Amstelveen. The headquarters of KLM was established there. And Amstelveen became the fastest growing City in the Netherlands

After World War II, Amsterdam's plan was to make Amstelveen part of its Metropolitan area, because its urban and green areas. But Amstelveen would remain an independent and self-conscious Municipality and they adopted a policy, that reflected many attractive new residential areas.

Amstelveen in 2003 was voted the most attractive City of the Netherlands to live in. Currently it is still in the top three on the national list of best Cities to live in. With Amstelveen City centre also receiving the number one award for best shopping centre Netherlands in 2013, 2014 and 2015. No wonder the tourists flock there.



Thijssepark:
The Thijssepark, was the first Nature park in the Netherlands and is one of sixteen Nature parks in Amstelveen. Designed by landscape architect C. P. Broerse; following the ideas of the great



Dutch naturalist and conservationist Jac. P. Thijsse, it was developed between 1940 and 1972 and covers an area of 5 hectares. It is situated just South of the Amsterdamse Bos.



Museum of Modern Art:

Amstelveen's has a great modern Museum of Modern Art, which is a major tourist attraction.

Church burns down:

In recent years the St. Urbanus Church in Amstelveen underwent major restauration works, which were completed in 2018.

On the eve of the official opening of this beautifully restored Church, it caught fire and was almost completely destroyed. The tower was the only part that was still standing after the fire.

Compiled from the Internet by Pieter Leeflang.



The Chrch before the fire.

The fire takes hold.

The fire out of control.

Code-Word and Sudoku Puzzles

26	1	18	11	11		15	18	14	24	17	22	13	17	25			
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M X Ø P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	N	8	C	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	O	21	22	23	24	25	26	

Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column, but each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

Sudoku - Easy 48

1			9	2	6			8						
8					7									
2		4		5			7							
			1	9		7	4	6						
			5		7									
4	1	3		8	9	2								
1	9	5	3					4						
6	8	3						9						

Sudoku - Moderate 48

9	1	2	3	5				7						
			8				2			1				
6			8											
2	9		5	6	3	1								
				1	9			3						
			2		4	6								
6				3	8									
3						8		2						
6			6						5	9				

CODEBREAKER PUZZLE

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number.

For this puzzle **three** letters only are revealed. Start with entering these letters throughout the puzzle and then start guessing your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not work out, you can erase it and start again.

Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S occur more often than others e.g. the letter X or Z.

The last Codebreaker was fairly easy, once you found the words Wallaby, Volleyball and Adverb, you were well on your way to solve it.

The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker was as follows:

A=11; B=5; C=12; D=14; E=9; F=4; G=19; H=7; I=17; J=20; K=25; L=1; M=26; N=24; O=3; P=13; Q=21; R=22; S=23; T=6; U=16; V=15; W=8; X=10; Y=18; Z=2.

Last month's Easy Sudoku 47 solution.

9	8	6	4	3	7	1	2	5						
1	2	7	6	5	8	3	4	9						
4	5	3	9	1	2	6	7	8						
2	7	5	8	4	6	9	1	3						
3	9	4	1	7	5	8	6	2						
6	1	8	2	9	3	4	5	7						
5	4	2	3	6	9	7	8	1						
7	6	9	5	8	1	2	3	4						
8	3	1	7	2	4	5	9	6						

Last month's Moderate Sudoku 47 solution.

8	9	2	3	4	5	7	1	6						
3	6	7	8	1	2	4	9	5						
1	4	5	7	9	6	8	2	3						
7	5	6	9	8	4	1	3	2						
9	3	4	2	6	1	5	7	8						
2	8	1	5	3	7	6	4	9						
6	1	3	4	5	9	2	8	7						
5	2	8	1	7	3	9	6	4						
4	7	9	6	2	8	3	5	1						

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